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Hon. Gregory H. Woods United States District Judge United States District Court for the Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007-1312

> Shatsky, et al. v. Palestine Liberation Organization, et al. Re: 1:18-cv-12355-GHW

## Dear Judge Woods:

We represent the plaintiffs in the above-referenced action, and we respectfully submit this supplemental joint status letter pursuant to the Court's Order of August 22, 2019 (DE 20), and further to our status letters of May 20, 2019 (DE 16) and August 22, 2019 (DE 19).

As discussed in our prior status letters (DE 16; DE 19), plaintiffs filed this case as a "protective action" because of uncertainties relating to venue and/or personal jurisdiction in plaintiffs' proceedings against the instant defendants in the District of Columbia. Plaintiffs therefore requested in their prior letters (with defendants' consent) that this action remain stayed pending the appeal in Shatsky I (No. 17-7168 (D.C. Cir.)), and the disposition of the parallel action in Shatsky II (Civ. No. 18-3141 (D.D.C.)).

Oral argument in the appeal in Shatsky I (No. 17-7168 (D.C. Cir.)) was held on September 9, 2019. Thus, that appeal should be resolved relatively soon.

Accordingly, and for the other reasons set forth in their prior letters, plaintiffs respectfully request that this action continue to be stayed pending the resolution of the D.C. proceedings.

Defendants' counsel, Mitchell Berger, Esq. and Gassan Baloul, Esq., of Squire Patton Boggs, have authorized the undersigned to inform the Court that they consent to the continued stay of this action pending the proceedings in the District of Columbia.

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We thank the Court for its consideration.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Mitchell Berger, Esq. Gassan Baloul, Esq.

Application granted in part. This case is stayed through May 29, 2020. The Court directs the parties to submit a joint status letter no later than May 28, 2020. That letter should update the Court on the status of the related cases.

### SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 3, 2020 New York, New York

> GREGORY B. WOODS United States District Judge